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IMPORT OF GENETICALLY MODIFIED FOOD
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are keeping any track with information about the import of genetically modified food;

(b) if so, the names of these items; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a), (b) & (c) : Introduction of all genetically modified food in Indian market requires authorization from the Government under the Indian Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and the Rules-1989 governing the use of genetically modified organisms and products thereof. Authorization is accorded after the safety of such food is evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Government so far has not approved the import and use of any genetically modified food for marketing in India.